

CLINICAL REVIEW TEAM

Membership and Experience Summary

The Wyoming Department of Health Behavioral Health Division (Division) implemented a Clinical Review Team (CRT) in the waiver redesign process in order to have a skilled, professional team of experts review participant cases relating to the assessed service needs. Due to questions we have received, the Division is providing more information about the makeup of this team, their credentials and experience in order to answer questions from our citizens.

Purpose

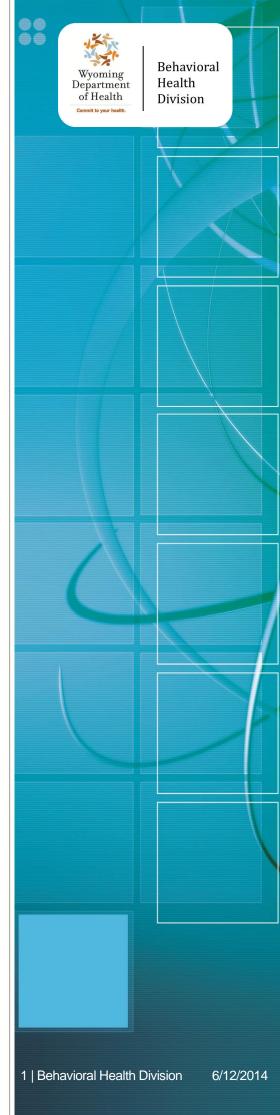
The purpose of the CRT is to review requests regarding participant's Level of Service Need score concerns. The CRT will also review requests for Extraordinary Service or Support Needs for the initial budget assignments. This team does not replace the Extraordinary Care Committee (ECC).

Membership

The Division's Clinical Review Team (CRT) is comprised of the Division's Clinical Psychologist, the Division's DD Section Administrator, a Division manager, the Division's Nurse, the assigned Participant Support Specialist, and a Department behavioral specialist to be appointed at a later date. When appropriate, the CRT may also include the Medicaid Medical Director and the Division's Psychiatrist as ad hoc members for special medical and behavioral case reviews. The CRT may consult with other specialists in the field as appropriate for the case.

Responsibilities

The CRT has the authority to request existing assessments or ask for new or additional assessments to gather more detailed information about the person's support and service needs. The information gathered for a CRT request allows the CRT in evaluating the need for a different Level of Service Need or Extraordinary Service or Support.





CRT Regular Voting Members

SandraJensen, Ph.D.

Dr. Jensen is a clinical psychologist for the Behavioral Health Division. She reviews waiver applicant eligibility and behavior plans, provides psychological consultation to waiver providers and participants' families, and generally helps the Department's administrators continue to encourage and promote modern, personcentered, treatment programs. Dr. Jensen is a voting member of the CRT. She received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Florida State University in 2002. She is currently licensed in Florida and Wyoming as a Psychologist, and maintains membership and affiliation with the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD), the National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD), the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology, the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA), and the National Association of PASRR Professionals (NAPP).

Following graduation Dr. Jensen worked as a psychologist, program supervisor, clinical director, and program administrator for direct treatment, oversight, and consultation entities in the fields of mental health and developmental disabilities. Duties related to persons with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and the dually diagnosed include: direct treatment, group therapy, behavioral interventions, educational programming, research, program evaluation, quality improvement, consulting, psychological evaluations, disability determinations, conflict resolution, short-term and long-term treatment programming, plan of care review, and working with families. More information about Dr. Jensen is available on the Division's website at http://www.health.wyo.gov/ddd/DDPsychologicalInfo.html. Participants, providers, and families can contact Dr. Jensen directly at sandra.jensen3@wyo.gov or by calling (307) 777-5070.

JoeSimpson

Mr. Simpson's role within the Division is Administrator of the Developmental Disabilities Section overseeing four waivers. He focuses primarily on policy development, staff coaching and mentoring, oversight of waiver operations, and reviews any case of waiver ineligibility and extraordinary care committee decisions to ensure Division processes are followed. He is a voting member on the CRT. Mr. Simpson has a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and Special Education from Eastern Montana College in Billings, MT, a Masters of Education in Curriculum Development with an emphasis in microcomputer technology from Lesley College in Cambridge, MA, and his Ed.S. from the University of Wyoming. Within the education field, Mr. Simpson has taught classes at the elementary, high school, and college levels, worked as





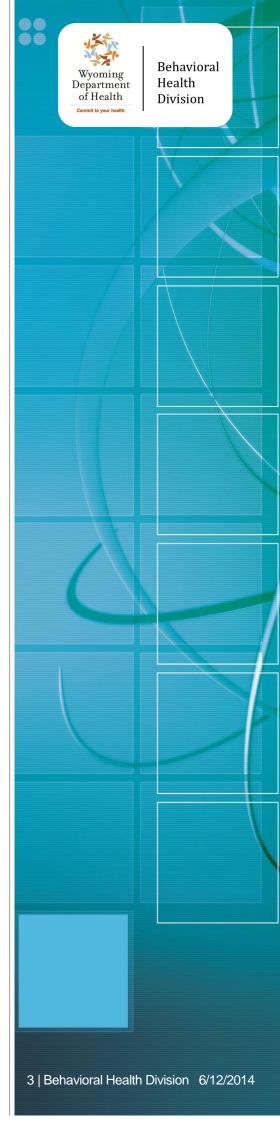
a special education instructor for persons with developmental disabilities, served as a teacher trainer, assistant principal, principal, director of Pupil Personnel and Evaluation Services, and Special Education Director for Natrona School District #1. Mr. Simpson has also served as the Deputy State Superintendent of Public Instruction within the Wyoming Department of Education, which is the state agency responsible for supervision and accreditation of special education programs throughout Wyoming. Mr. Simpson has also managed a group home and served as the house parent for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Participants, providers, and families can contact Mr. Simpson directly at joe.simpson@wyo.gov or by calling (307) 777-7460.

TammyArnold,MBA/HCM,CPM

Ms. Arnold is the Division's Participant Support Unit working manager and supervises staff that review and approve plans of care, determine eligibility, and assist case managers in service authorization and budget concerns. She serves as the project manager and team facilitator for the Clinical Review Team case reviews and is a voting member of CRT. She coordinates the gathering of all case review documentation, facilitates the process to ensure a structured process is followed for each case. She also notifies participants of CRT decisions. Ms. Arnold holds two Master's degrees, one in Business Administration and the other in Healthcare Management. Ms. Arnold has over twenty years of work experience in business management and six years of experience in healthcare management for Tricare and the State of Wyoming. Most recently, she has worked in the Medicaid, Eligibility and Waiver systems for the State of Wyoming for over three years. She is also a Certified Public Manager and won the 2013 George Askew Award for the utilization of management practices exemplifying the philosophy of the American Academy of Certified Public Managers in the completion of an exceptional curriculum project. She can be contacted at tammy.arnold1@wyo.gov or by calling (307) 777-8760.

Paul Delap, RN

Mr. Delap joined the Behavioral Health Division as the Division's nurse and has since been involved in survey/certification, medication assistance training, and acting as a resource to the Division, providers, guardians, and participant for matters relating to medical or nursing concerns. He serves as a voting member on the CRT. Mr. Delap is a registered nurse who graduated from the Casper College School of Nursing in 1994 and, shortly thereafter, obtained licensure from the Wyoming Board of Nursing. As a RN, Mr. Delap has practiced in multiple nursing environments in Wyoming including neurosurgery, neurorehabilitation, emergency room/life flight, ICU,





and behavioral. Mr. Delap has 9 years of DD experience and 20 years of ABI experience. In 2005, Participants, providers, and families can contact Mr. Delap directly at paul.delap@wyo.gov or by calling (307) 235-1182.

Participant Support Unit Specialists

The Division's Participant Support Specialists have a wide range of experience in Wyoming's Home and Community Based Waiver programs. Each Specialist reviews the case for CRT thoroughly and gathers information to vote as a member of the CRT for the case they are presenting. Prior to working at the Division, the specialists have served as case managers, service providers, and been employed both individually and through larger organizations. The Participant Support Specialists are located around the state, so they live in the communities that they interact most with and often have long-term knowledge of the participants on Wyoming's HCBS waivers. These individuals' duties currently include: the review of participant plans of care; service reviews; investigation of participant and provider complaints; and they generally serve as the eyes and ears of the Division's Participant Support Unit. Their knowledge of the services that are directly available to participants in the community and to individual participants will be invaluable to the CRT process. Contact information for each Participant Support Specialist can be found on the Division's website at www.health.wyo.gov/ddd/pssunit.html.

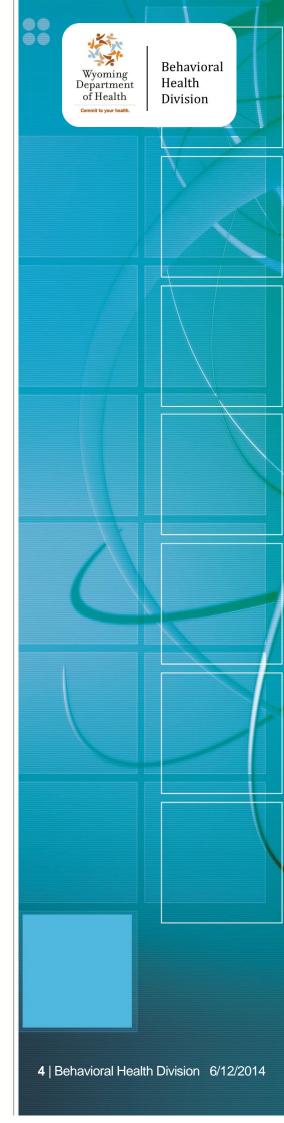
Behavioral Support Specialist

The specific Behavioral Support Specialist who will serve on the CRT has not been selected. When a Behavioral Support Specialist is appointed, he or she will be a voting member of CRT. Additional information about this individual and his or her qualifications will be made available at a later date.

CRT Ad Hoc Voting Members

James Bush, MD, FACP

Dr. Bush is the State Medicaid Director and serves as an Ad Hoc voting member of the CRT for medical case reviews. Dr. Bush received his MD from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in 1980. He is licensed in Wyoming and Colorado, and maintains membership in the American College of Physicians (ACP), was elected a Fellow of the College, and serves as the Governor of the Wyoming Chapter. Following graduation, Dr. Bush worked as a General Internist in private practice, served as a clinical instructor, and was associated with the Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins, Colorado, where he served as the chairman of the Pharmacy, Infection Control, and Internal Medicine committees before serving as the Chief of Staff from 1991-1992. In his 27 years of private practice, Dr. Bush treated several persons with developmental and intellectual disabilities.





Dr. Bush has served as Wyoming's State Medicaid Medical Officer since 2007, where he oversees and participates in issues related to medical eligibility, review, policy development, and consultation. Participants, providers, and families can contact Dr. Bush directly at james.bush@wyo.gov or by calling (307) 777-7245.

Arthur Merrell, MD

Dr. Merrell serves as the Behavioral Health Division's Chief Medical Officer where he assists with policy development, medical eligibility, plan review, and consultation. He is an ad hoc voting member of the CRT. Dr. Merrell received his MD from the University of Colorado Medical School in 1967. He is currently licensed to practice in Nebraska, Colorado, and Wyoming. Dr. Merrell was elected as a fellow of the American College of Physicians, the American College of Psychiatrists, a senior fellow of Biofeedback Certification Institute of America, and is a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. His current professional memberships include the American Psychiatric Association, American College of Psychiatrists, Wyoming Psychiatric Society, Wyoming Medical Society, Laramie County Medical Society, American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, and the American Association of Addiction Psychiatrists. Following graduation Dr. Merrell practiced psychiatry in private, state, and federal settings including children's treatment centers, university health services, disability determination services, the military, the Veteran's Administration, hospitals, and his own private offices. Dr. Merrell has also worked as a psychiatric consultant to state, tribal, and federal agencies, and served as a clinical instructor. Dr. Merrell has regularly treated clients with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Wyoming since establishing his private practice in Chevenne in 1974; a practice which he maintains today. Participants, providers, and families can contact Dr. Merrell directly at art.merrell@wyo.gov or by calling (307) 777-8541.

Questions

Any participant, provider, family member, or member of the public may ask for more information on CRT or on Waiver topics by contacting the Division's Cheyenne office at 1-800-510-0280 or by sending a written request to the Wyoming Department of Health, Behavioral Health Division, 6101 Yellowstone Rd., Suite 220, Cheyenne, WY 82002.

